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# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

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## **Equity, Inclusion, and Cultural Competence Committee Co-Chair Appointment**

Current co-chair, Brenda Graves-Croom of FSSA, will be stepping down from the co-chair role as of the end of 2019. The other current co-chair is Tashi Teuschler of the Indiana Office of Court Services, and she will remain in place.

The Executive Committee recommends appointment of Jill English, Director of Interrupting Racism for Children at Child Advocates, as the new co-chair. If appointed, Jill would begin a two-year term as co-chair on January 1, 2020.

### Jill Lynn English

Jill L. English is a native of Indianapolis and a graduate of DePauw University, where she was the founding president of the first chartered historically black Greek organization at the institution. She began working with abused and neglected children in the 1990s and served in various roles, advocating for the needs of children and families, training foster parents and addressing the needs of traumatized youth, with a focus on understanding diversity and the impact of trauma. Jill continues to train Court Appointed Special Advocates on Cultural sensitivity and served as a guardian ad litem for Marion county youth for several years before transitioning to the Director of the Interrupting Racism for Children at Child Advocates. Jill is a facilitator for Spirit and Place's Powerful Conversations on Race, The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond and for Interrupting Racism for Children at Child Advocates. She has been a guest speaker on the impact of racism on our children and community for several organizations, including the Indiana national state CASA conference, the Marion County Health Equity Summit, The Indiana Juvenile Judicial State conference and the national College Mentors conference. Jill also trains individuals on facilitating difficult conversations.